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Our Case No.: 11333/25

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Yasunori Kawate

Serial No.: 10/629,296

Filing Date: July 28, 2003

For: Analyzers and Methods of
Analyzing Blood

Examiner: To Be Assigned

Group Art Unit No.: 1743

FIRST SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Dear Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, it is respectfully requested that this First Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement be entered and the documents B1-B9 listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 be considered by the Examiner and made of record. Pursuant to the waiver to Rule 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2)(i) to submit copies of U.S. issued and published applications in Information Disclosure


Statements for patent applications filed after June 30, 2003, Applicant is not enclosing copies of references B1-B3. However, Applicant is enclosing copies of each of references B4-B9. A Copy of the European Search Report is also enclosed.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(g),(h), this First Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is not to be construed as a representation that a search has been made and is not to be construed to be an admission that the information cited is, or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(b).

This First Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being filed prior to the receipt of the first Official Action reflecting an examination on the merits and hence is believed to be timely filed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b). No fees are believed to be due in connection with the filing of this First Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement. However, should any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be deemed necessary for any reason relating to this communication, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct the fees from Brinks Hofer Gilson & Lione Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this document is enclosed.

Applicant respectfully requests that the listed documents be made of record in the present case.

Respectfully submitted,



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Sir:

Attached is/are:

- ☒ Transmittal Letter (in duplicate), First Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (in duplicate), Form PTO-1449, Six (6) Cited References (B4-B9) and Copy of European Search Report.
- ☒ Return Receipt Postcard

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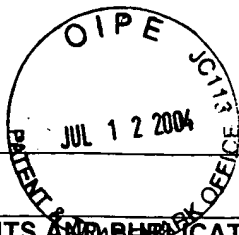
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Respectfully submitted,

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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER <small>Number-Kind Code (if known)</small>	DATE	NAME	CLASS/ SUBCLASS	FILING DATE
	B1	6,287,791 B1	09/11/2001	Terstappen et al.		
	B2	6,228,652 B1	05/08/2001	Rodriguez et al.		
	B3	4,284,412	08/18/1981	Hansen et al.		

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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	B4	WO 92/09682 A1	06/11/1992	PCT		No
	B5	WO 02/23154 A2	03/21/2002	PCT		No
	B6	EP 0 347 210 A2	12/20/1989	EPO		No
	B7	EP 0 455 125 A2	11/06/1991	EPO		No
	B8	EP 0 722 087 A1	07/17/1996	EPO		No

OTHER ART - NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS

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EXAMINER INITIAL		
	B9	Ruzicka, MD, K.; Veitl, MD, M.; Thalhammer-Scherrer, MD, R.; Schwarzingner, MD, I., "The New Hematology Analyzer Sysmex XE-2100: Performance Evaluation of a Novel White Blood Cell Differential Technology", <i>Arch Pathol Lab Med</i> , March 2001 , Vol. 125, pp. 391-396.

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